

	<b>Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes</b> <b>March 31, 2009</b> <b>9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b> <b>Chesapeake Community College</b>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decisions /Follow-up</b>
<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timothy Meagher and Mary Yancey welcomed everyone and introductions occurred.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Meeting Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of RAC</li> <li>• Meeting Purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Yancey gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>RAC Policy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Honablew Jr., Maryland AIDS Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Honablew Jr. presented information on policy updates including: (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and Federal Funding</li> <li>• Ryan White Reauthorization</li> <li>• Federal Policy</li> <li>• Health Care Reform</li> <li>• Impact Issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A
<b>HIV Reporting Transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin Flynn, Chief Center for Surveillance &amp; Epidemiology, AIDS Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin Flynn presented information on HIV Reporting Transition. (handouts provided)</li> </ul> <p>Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan White funds dependent on name-based HIV reporting</li> <li>• Non-name-based HIV reporting states given three-year transition period, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Transition plan by 10/1/06</li> <li>– Laws/regulations in place by 4/1/08</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Name-based data to be used in 2010 funding allocations using data reported through 12/31/08</li> </ul> <p>Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Bill 1270 – Senate Bill 987</li> <li>• Needed to comply with new federal mandates in Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006</li> <li>• Governor signed on 4/24/2007</li> </ul>	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency legislation – went into effect immediately</li> <li>• Physician reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases</li> <li>• Physician reporting by name of HIV exposed infants</li> <li>• Facility reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases</li> <li>• Laboratory reporting by name of HIV+ and all CD4 and VL test results</li> </ul> <p>Transition Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change over systems to report all new cases using names, immediately</li> <li>• Contact major HIV providers to make available lists of prevalent HIV cases</li> <li>• Re-report previously reported code-based cases as name-based cases</li> <li>• Identify sources of missing cases and investigate</li> </ul> <p>Colin reviewed the following charts and graphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence</li> <li>• Progress towards HIV Reporting Goal</li> <li>• Additional AIDS Cases</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Current Age</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, Risk and Before and After by County</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS Prevalence Before and After, Suburban Region</li> <li>• Ratio of HIV to AIDS Cases by County</li> <li>• Ratio of HIV to AIDS Cases by County, Suburban Region</li> </ul> <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully implemented new law</li> <li>• Surpassed HIV reporting target</li> <li>• Epidemiological “picture” appears substantially unchanged</li> <li>• Discovered 900+ unreported AIDS cases</li> <li>• Improved procedures</li> <li>• Established new provider relationships</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Updating the SCSN &amp; Comprehensive Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glenn Clark, Chief, Center for HIV Care Services, AIDS Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glenn Clark presented a brief overview of highlights of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) and Comprehensive Plan (handouts provided).</li> <li>The SCSN is a mechanism for addressing key HIV/AIDS care issues and enhancing coordination across Ryan White programs and Parts and serves as a framework for programmatic action that will strengthen Maryland's HIV care service delivery system over a three-year planning cycle.</li> <li>Glenn reviewed the steps of the SCSN process and the key findings in the SCSN.</li> <li>The Ryan White Act requires Part B grantees to draft and implement statewide comprehensive plans, including a description of HIV-related services in the state, available resources, epidemiological data, service needs, goals and strategies.</li> <li>The guidelines state further that the plan should address disparities in HIV care, access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities, the needs of those who know their HIV status and are not in care and the needs of those who are currently in the care system.</li> <li>In line with the mission of the AIDS Administration, the Comprehensive Plan includes broad goals, principles and strategies for engaging and retaining all HIV infected persons in high quality care and services early in their diagnosis and throughout their diagnosis.</li> <li>This plan is designed to guide the design and implementation of Ryan White Parts B and D and state-funded HIV/AIDS services in Maryland over a <u>three-year period</u>.</li> <li>Glenn reviewed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where we are now: Our current system of care</li> <li>Where we need to go: Our vision of an ideal system</li> <li>How we will get there: Our goals for system improvements</li> <li>How we will monitor our progress: Our process for evaluation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Local Prevention Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tavonya Chester, LSGW Dorchester County Health Department</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tavonya presented the Prevention with Positives presentation. The program Prevention with Positives is an Individual and Group level Intervention, which targets HIV infected individuals with high risk behaviors such as drug use, unprotected sex, non-medicated, etc. (handouts provided)</li> <li>The aim of the program is to improve health, adherence to care, reduce transmission, increase awareness, make safer choices, develop healthy relationships, and prevent transmission of the virus.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program is four sessions long about 1-2 hours in duration.</li> <li>• The curriculum is the Positive Wellness and Renewal Program (POWER). It is based on the Transtheoretical Model of Behavioral Change (Stage of Change).</li> <li>• Tavonya explained that when she is conducting the program, she assesses each person and situation differently and adjusts the program to fit each individual.</li> <li>• D.A.P.P.E.R.R. is the acronym for the basic approach allowing flexibility as Tavonya explained. Define, Assess, Plan, Practice, Evaluate, Referrals, Refine.</li> <li>• Tools used in the program are role playing, interactive learning, and activities to reinforce knowledge/skill comfort, strict confidentiality, and empowerment.</li> <li>• Prevention with Positives uses a client centered approach and accommodates to each different client.</li> <li>• It is about building relationships and being a positive reinforcement in each client's life.</li> <li>• Comments were made after the presentation and the Dorchester County program was highly praised. Other counties were encouraged to follow in the footsteps.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wrap Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Angel Food Ministries is delivering food for people in need. There are no criteria for customers and they do take food stamps. See the Dorchester County case workers for more information.</li> <li>• Chase Braxton has new programs to help pay for lab tests. Contact Richard Gettys for more information.</li> <li>• There will be a support group meeting on Tuesday April 28, 2009 at the Talbott County Health Department from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Mary Yancey reminded attendees to fill out evaluations.</li> </ul>	Evaluation results will be shared in the future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff 7</li> <li>• Guests 34</li> <li>• Total 41</li> </ul>	

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsea Strength